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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
PROCKOP *et al.* :
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HUMAN MARROW STROMAL CELLS : (053844-5006)

PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants in the above-captioned application hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to and including April 18, 2001, for responding to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2000. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$195.00.

Any additional fees/overpayments are authorized to be charged/credited to our firm's Deposit Account No. 50-0310. One additional copy of this paper is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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